

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, October 23, 2014.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Mattapoisett,—
election.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the actions taken at a certain state primary in the town of Mattapoisett Massachusetts (House, No. 4511), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, October 22.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Kathleen
Willis.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Jones of North Reading) congratulating Superintendent Kathleen Willis on her retirement from the North Reading school system; and

Max
Donato
Morelli.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Max Donato Morelli on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Ms. Hogan of Stow, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Wakefield,—
tax
check-off.

By Mr. Wong of Saugus, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4512) of Donald H. Wong, Paul Brodeur and Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Wakefield be authorized to designate a check-off box on its tax bills for the Wakefield Veterans Relief Fund; and

Id.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4513) of Donald H. Wong, Paul Brodeur and Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Wakefield be authorized to designate a check-off box on its tax bills for the Wakefield Veterans Memorial and Patriotic Celebration Fund;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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By Representative Mariano of Quincy and Senator Keenan, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ronald Mariano and John F. Keenan relative to authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to release an easement on a certain parcel of land in the city of Quincy. Quincy,—land.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John H. Rogers for legislation to change the title of Section 33 of Chapter 260 of the General Laws. General Law,—title change.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to the board of public works in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4128), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 2, adding the following paragraph: Fairhaven,—public works.

“Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, those duties previously vested in the board of public works for the setting of rates and fees, for the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements and for the issuance of licenses, permits, variances and similar forms of regulatory approval, shall be vested in the board of selectmen for the town of Fairhaven.”.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill dissolving the contributory retirement system of the town of Athol (Senate, No. 2300) [Local Approval Received], ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Athol,—retirement system.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of Mr. Kafka, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 1032, a Bill relative to the composition of the citizens advisory committee for the former Northampton State Hospital (House, No. 4510). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Northampton,—citizens advisory committee.

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citizens
advisory
committee.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton for said committee then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Carver,—
treasurer, etc.

Relative to the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Carver (Senate, No. 2364) [Local Approval Received];

Chris
Johnson.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher Johnson, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2384); and

Joseph
Quinn.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Joseph Quinn, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2385); and

Stephanie
Deronette,—
sick leave.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Stephanie Deronette, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 4506);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of the same member, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

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enacted.

Providing for recall elections in the town of Hinsdale (see House, No. 4064, amended); and

Relative to the funding of maintenance and improvements of private ways in the town of Barnstable (see House, No. 4410);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Senate bills

Third
reading
bills.

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Boston as The Brigadier General William J. Gormley III Bridge (Senate, No. 1864); and

Authorizing the town of Plymouth to establish an 1820 courthouse fund (Senate, No. 2136);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Recess.

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At the twenty-nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until twelve o'clock noon; and at a half past twelve o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment to the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2014 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4508), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered. Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4514. The further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Dudley to grant property tax abatements to resident National Guardsmen and reservists who are serving on active duty in a foreign country (House, No. 3797), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Dudley,—
tax
abatements.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty-seven minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.